

### **In The Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-13 (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A folding rack according to Claim 27, wherein the free ends of the cross struts are connectable to one another in a substantially rigid manner by a pipe clamp and the pipe clamp is held resiliently on one of the two cross struts and pretensioned into a position reaching over the region of connection of the cross struts.
15. (currently amended) A folding rack according to Claim 27 wherein the webs suspended in the racks are at least two webs of a flexible material for objects ~~are suspended and~~ which webs are horizontally tensioned between the side parts in an unfolded condition.
16. (previously presented) The folding rack according to Claim 15 wherein connection webs extend between adjacent suspended webs.
17. (previously presented) A folding rack according to one of Claim 27 wherein when the racks are stacked on top of one another the upper free ends of the side parts are each defined by upper ends of corner posts, and in that the base parts also have corner posts, which are flush with the corner posts of the side parts when the side parts are unfolded, with the lower end of a corner post of the base part engaging in the upper end of a corner post of a side part when the racks are stacked on top of one another and so being prevented from being displaced laterally.
18. (previously presented) A folding rack according to Claim 16 wherein the upper ends of the corner posts of the base part are similar in construction to the upper ends of the corner posts of the side parts, and in that the side parts are articulated to the corner posts of the base parts such that when the side parts are folded in, the upper ends of the corner posts of the base parts are exposed so that folded-up racks can also be stacked on top of one another in such a way that they are prevented from slipping.

19. (previously presented) A folding rack according to Claim 17 wherein at least one of the cross struts is pivotal parallel and next to one of the corner posts of one of the side parts, and may be locked thereto.
20. (currently amended) A folding rack according to Claim 27 wherein a height of the rack, defined by the side parts, is at least half a width of the rack, defined by spacing between the open upright ~~set-up~~ side parts.
21. (currently amended) A folding rack according to Claim 27 wherein tensioning means are provided on the side parts, and these allow flexible material webs extending between ~~set-up~~ the open upright side parts to be tensioned.
22. (previously presented) The folding rack of Claim 21 wherein the tensioning means permits tension to be increased upon the flexible webs.
23. (previously presented) A folding rack according to Claim 17 wherein corner posts defining the side parts are pushed into corner posts of the base part so that an internal cross-section substantially corresponds to an external cross-section of the corner posts of the side part, with the corner posts of the base part and the corner posts of the side part additionally being connected to one another by a pivot pin and slot connection, with the corner posts of the side parts and the base parts being locked in alignment with one another in a first position of the pivot pin in the slot and the corner posts of the side parts being pivotal in relation to the corner posts of the base part in a second position of the pivot pin in the slot.
24. (previously presented) A folding rack according to Claim 27 wherein points at which the cross struts are articulated to the side parts are constructed such that the cross struts, as well as defining a minimum spacing, at the same time define the maximum spacing between the side parts.
25. (previously presented) The folding rack of Claim 27 wherein the rack is arranged for suspending of the webs from the side parts.

- 26 (previously presented) The folding rack of Claim 25 wherein the webs are suspended from the side parts by horizontal webs connected to the side parts.
27. (previously presented) A folding rack for receiving and transporting objects to be placed in webs suspended in the rack, said rack being free standing in an open position in the absence of exterior support or angle braces and having side frame parts, cross struts and a rigid, non-folding, generally horizontal base part defining a bottom plane, said base part comprising four non-folding base corner posts rigidly connected to and extending perpendicularly to said bottom plane and, each side part comprising two rigidly connected corner posts, said side parts connected articulately at a lower end region to the corner posts of the base part and being pivotable at least about 90° in relation to the base part, from a position substantially parallel to the bottom plane in a closed position to a position perpendicular to the bottom plane in an open position, said side parts being lockable to said corner posts of the base part in the open upright position; said cross struts being articulated to an upper end region of each of the side frame parts, said struts being pivotable toward one another parallel to the bottom plane in an open position, and in said open position, free ends thereof being connectable to one another in a substantially rigid manner so that in the open position the upper ends of the side parts are held by the cross struts, at a minimum spacing defined by the cross struts, wherein in a mutually connected condition the free ends of the cross struts engage with one another in a connection region and are held together in substantially rigid manner by a clamp reaching over the connection region, and in that in an folded condition the cross struts fold substantially parallel to one another and substantially parallel to the bottom plane so that similar racks can be stacked on top of one another with side parts parallel with one another, said folding rack requiring only connection of the cross struts for securing the rack in the open position, said folding rack being foldable from

the open position to the closed position so that the entire folded rack is contained within an area defined by the corner posts of the rigid base part.